

I supposed we would be at your house before this we have not sold yet.
 and do not know any more than when I last spoke.
 I am taking all care of it. But what about the Miller rent.

paid up, we got the Pump makers bill
 which Father says is not too much, I
 will send you an account of what I have
 received and what I have spent, Also how
 much I have on hand, And I wish Luther
 would tell us about his taxes, and say if he
 wishes what I have on hand to be applied to
 the payment of them,

I have received \$45.00 to date.
 I have paid an account of repairs to two pumps,
 deepening well, new curb over well, \$11.40
 To Davis for small repairs, 1.00
 Gas bill and two months water rent 2.60
 Leeborn for picture 1.75

 16.75
 Balance in my hands ----- 28.25

 \$45.00

With dear love to all I remain your
 Mother

Tell Mr. Brown, that if he thinks of recruiting his
 Battalion in Ohio he should not think of locating him-
 self in Toledo or any part of the Northwestern part
 of the State. From Digna northward the country is
 completely drained of its army force except perhaps
 a few companies - Indeed all the western part of
 the state including the Sioux Valley is filled with
 recruiting offices - I saw no less than 3 different ones
 in St. Mary alone - How matters stand in this respect
 in Cleveland or elsewhere in the eastern half I do
 not know - Keep the dear little children for me and
 tell them I want to see them very much - As I do all of
 you - Mr. Brown's advice to Howard is good -
 you father affect, I said now

more to take it out, then to keep the road looking like a
 the house were to be occupied in before many months.
 I shall probably it had better be taken away, I shall take me if
 I cannot better you are leaving, you have nothing for the future
 there will be \$25 a month the road if there is no you can

Dayton Nov 30th 1881
 My dear Auguste I suppose you will
 scarcely look for another letter from me
 this week, but my test was so gloomy that
 I believe I had better write one more hurried
 if possible, I called Mary thinking she would
 write more pleasantly, but I found her's
 quite as bad as mine, There was some-
 thing in the atmosphere that evening de-
 pressing in its influence I think.

Howard received a letter from Luther
 which I believe he is answering now
 so I will say nothing about it.
 I suppose you have seen, or will see the
 marriage of Carrie Greer, to General Wood,
 She invited a few ^{friends to witness} to the wedding, which
 was an improper ~~for~~ affair, and invited
 a party to come in afterwards, But Henry & H.
 were ~~shattered~~ sick Clegg also gave a party
 the same evening (she had invited her com-
 pany before she knew of the wedding) She too

left them out, now as they have always been
invested to both of these pleasures before this, I
can only think it is another Johnson Parine
affair. Or in other words they concluded to
play trick to the Sherches. Mary knows they are
not worth caring for, and yet I see she feels
hurt, to see the value set upon us, and upon
them. But enough of the miserable creatures.
I am glad to hear you are all well, and that
the dear children improve. I have not seen
Holmes yet, I have been so much engaged
that I could not leave home for so long a
walk, and I supposed I would write to her.
I hope the new girl will do well, and relieve
her much, but that I wish her to disrupt
but I do not think she will do that. ~~But~~
she needs exercise, do take it often in the
open air. She and the children too. And
try to brace up and be able to endure. We
may all be obliged to ^{give} much more than we
ever have, before this miserable rebellion is
quelled. At all events, let us try to be able to
meet anything which can happen.

Mr Foster called yesterday and paid up
to the 14th of Nov. The poor man looks
depressed, I think he is one who "carries
weight in life." What his weight is I do not
know, but weight there is I am sure. His
wife has been absent some months, and
from what he says, I do not think she will
be likely to return before spring. She went to
her mother's to be confined, and has been
very ill, with, I suppose, Typhoid fever.
Father and I went down at his request
to see about the well. We found it had
no water, and part of the wall had fallen
in in. The rainwater pump, had had all
the head (which had been very foolishly put
through the wall and exposed to view)
wrenched off, I suppose by thieving boys.
Part of the fence next the stable was torn open.
And the bath room door would not shut.
Father was so busy he could not do the small
jobs, as I had hoped, and I was obliged
to get Davis, I paid him \$1.00 for numerous
little repairs, his time and nails. When Foster